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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/IC)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/08, 8, 9, 10/07, 4/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Rai** [US 6,222,463].

In claim 20, **Rai** discloses a management system of an IC tag equipped vehicle, comprising:

a host server (control center) and a terminal (portable interrogator) communicating with each other via a network; and
a database connected to the host server and managing tag information on each vehicle by a vehicle ID,
the terminal comprising devices that operate as claimed (see Summary of the Invention in columns 1 and 2).

In claim 22, Rai discloses the updating information as claimed (col. 1-2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-6, 9, 11-12, 14-15, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Rai** in view of **Senba** [US 7,088,249].

In claims 1 and 4-6, **Rai** discloses a registered vehicle electronic identification tag being disposed in the license plate or in the vehicle dashboard, portion of the vehicle that is not covered by an obstacle is obvious (col. 4, l. 11-30). **Rai** does not specific regarding the tag molding material, **Senba** teaches an IC tag molded in a resin material to protect the tag, the material does not interfere with the transmissivity of electromagnetic waves emitted from the tag (col. 16, l. 18-44). It is seen the tag of **Rai** would be molded in a protecting material and the material would obviously be selected to let penetrate electromagnetic waves communication signal.

In claims 2-3 and 19, **Rai** discloses the IC tag can be resides in the license plate, in the trunk or the vehicle dashboard (col. 4, l. 29-30). It would have been obvious the tag affixed at a meter case or panel (odometer, speedometer) or in a rear fender of a vehicle could be a design choice.

In claims 9, 11-12, 14-15, **Rai** discloses the electronic tag having records regarding vehicle identification VIN, maintenance, insurance, inspection and owner information. It would have been obvious the identification information on component parts could be retrieved if VIN is known.

5. Claims 7-8, 10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Rai** combined of claim 1 in view of **Teraura** [US 6,873,259].

In claims 7-8, **Rai** does not disclose the tag includes recycling and waste management manifest information. **Teraura** teaches attaching ID tags to various

electronic articles to track their life cycle from manufacturing to recycling and disposal (figs. 16-17, col. 1, l. 38- col. 11, 21). It would have been obvious the electronic tag of Rai could include records of recycling and waste management to track the life cycle of the vehicle as design choice.

In claim 10, **Teraura** teaches the tag includes a replacement record of consumer parts (col. 11, l. 9).

In claim 13, **Teraura** teaches the tag includes a record of payment (col. 11, l. 1-6). It would have been obvious the tag of Rai could include a record of payment including tax payment as design choice.

6. Claims 16-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Rai** combined of claim 1 in view of **Nakayama** [US 6,791,456] or **Campbell** [US 6,546,088].

In claims 16-18, **Rai** does not disclose the electronic tag is mounted on a vehicle that includes a saddle ride seat. **Nakayama** and **Campbell** teaches an electronic identification mounted on a vehicle having a saddle ride seat is well known (Nakayama, tag 3 on vehicle 1, fig. 1; Campbell, ID tags for bicycles, col. 2, l. 49-59). Although particular position of the tag on the vehicle is not specified, it would have been obvious the tag can be affixed to any convenient place at will for its very small in size.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Eisenmann [US 5,459,304].

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNE V. LAI whose telephone number is (571)272-

2974. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hofsass Jeffery can be reached on 571-272-2981 or, acting supervisor Goins Davetta at 571-272-2957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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